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In re patent application of:

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Serial No. 09/764,392

Art Unit: 2621

Filed: January 19, 2001

Examiner: Unknown

For: **DOCUMENT MODIFICATION APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers;
- (3) Letter to Draftsperson with amended formal drawings of Figs. 4 and 18-21;
- (4) Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

If an Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is required and has not been separately requested herein, please consider this Transmittal Letter as including a request for such Extension of Time and as a further authorization to charge any fee for such Extension of Time, as may be required by 37 CFR § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

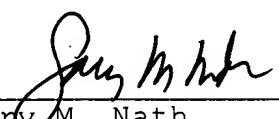
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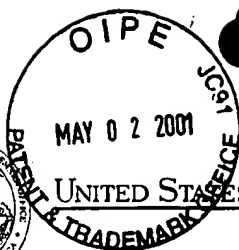
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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

*Filing Date Granted*

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers having a mailing date of March 6, 2001. The two month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire May 6, 2001.

Submitted herewith is a Letter to the Draftsperson together with amended formal drawings of Figs. 4, 18, 19, 20, and 21.

**REMARKS**

In the outstanding Notice to File Corrected Application Papers the application was objected to as having drawing figures containing text that is not in English.

By this Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, a Letter to the Draftsperson is submitted transmitting

amended formal drawings of Figs. 4 and 18-21 wherein the foreign language text has been translated into the English language; and the objections to the drawings of Figs. 5-7 are traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments introduce no new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 132.

#### **Drawing Objections**

The drawings were objected to as having text not in the English language.

#### **RESPONSE**

Submitted herewith is a Letter to the Draftsperson transmitting amended formal drawings of Figs. 4 and 18-21 wherein the foreign language text has been translated into the English language.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objections with respect to Figs. 5-7.

37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) requires that the English alphabet be used for letters, except where another alphabet is customarily used. As an example, the CFR notes that the Greek alphabet is typically used to indicate angles, wavelengths, and mathematical formulas. Applicants respectfully submit that non-English language materials depicted in Figs. 5-7 are **NOT** letters in the textual sense and therefore 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) is inapplicable to Figs. 5-7. Applicants respectfully submit that any non-English language

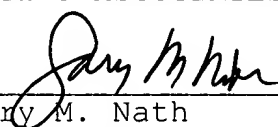
materials depicted in Figs 5-7 are graphical and/or pictorial elements which are themselves non-English. Thus, it is submitted that since Figs. 5-7 depict non-English graphical or pictorial elements, the requirement of 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) that letters be in the English language is inapplicable. It is submitted that 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) is inapplicable because the non-English graphical or pictorial elements are within the exception to 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) which permits non English language materials to be used where another alphabet is customarily used.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**LETTER TO DRAFTSPERSON**


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Sir:

Submitted herewith are five sheets of amended Formal Drawings  
of Figs. 4 and 18-21, subject to the Examiner's approval.

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